

Reference: Proceeding 10-56

Dear FCC,

Please DON'T approve the proposed Comcast/GE-NBC merger! They may be making good-sounding promises now. Nevertheless, I believe the proposed merger would INCREASE cable TV prices, and force over-the-air viewers (like my family) to PAY for Comcast cable if we want to watch some NBC-controlled content. I also believe the merged company would make some currently-free Internet TV programming (for example, Hulu.com, currently controlled by NBC) no longer free! (For current cable subscribers, it's also very likely that the better NBC programs would be shifted to higher-priced plans).

Comcast's distribution clout, combined with NBC's content, would result in a media giant which would undoubtedly control the market in my area (and many others).

In the Baltimore City and Baltimore County areas, there's already NO competition in the cable market! Comcast subscribers would end up paying MORE for the same content (or less content). I'm informed that Comcast's rate increases already are roughly triple the inflation rate, because of the LACK of competition. (Verizon FiOS television is NOT available in some areas of this market, and it's already more expensive than Comcast!). I personally do not want to be forced to PAY Comcast (which I could ill afford) for content my family already gets for free over-the-air and on the Internet.

I believe that the merging of these two giants would mean LESS choice of content for my family, HIGHER prices, and LESS competition. Therefore, in accordance with your mission of protecting the public interest -- and consumers -- I believe it's the FCC's duty to REJECT the proposed Comcast/GE-NBC merger.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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